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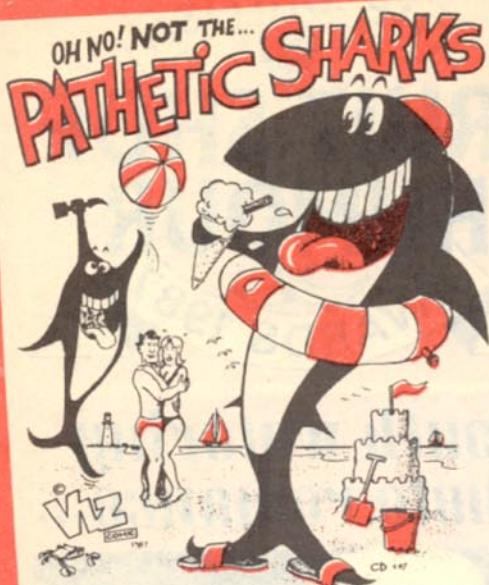
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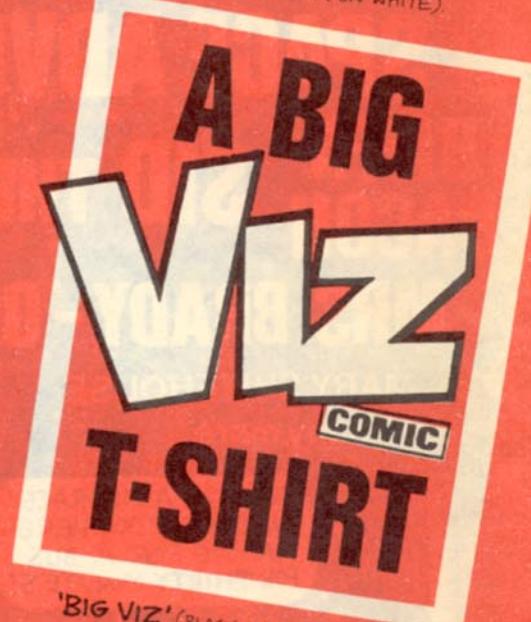
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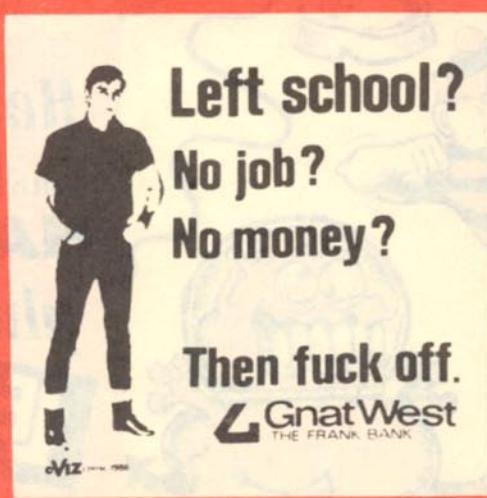
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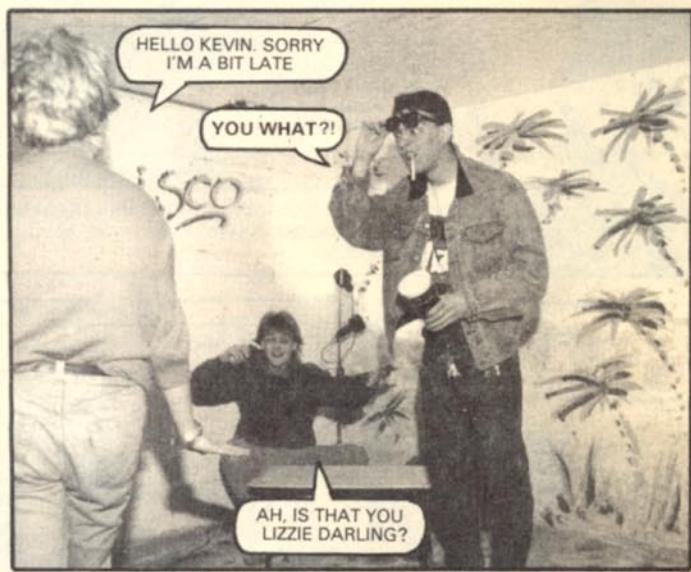
Another romance packed true story

BLIND DATE



With less than 24 hours to go until The Disco on Saturday Night, bespectacled Kevin Ross was having difficulty finding a partner.





MRS. BRADY



-OLD LADY

CD
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WELL TIDDLES, IT MUST BE ALL OF TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES SINCE I LAST WENT SHOPPING. I'D BETTER GO OUT AND BUY SOME MORE STUFF.



MIND YOU, THE PRICES THESE DAYS. IT'S A WONDER HOW I CAN MANAGE.

OF COURSE YOU NEVER USED TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE BUSES. THE OLD ELECTRIC ONES WERE ALWAYS ON TIME. NOT LIKE THEY ARE THESE DAYS. OH NO.



AND OF COURSE THE DRIVERS WERE A LOT MORE FRIENDLY IN THOSE DAYS...

IT'S A DISGRACE - A WOMAN OF MY AGE HAVING TO STAND. OF COURSE THERE WAS MORE SEATS ON THE OLD BUSES.



EEH, YOU COULD GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE EMPIRE THEATRE TO SEE ARTHUR ASKEY FOR A HA' PENNY, AND THAT WAS A RETURN. THEY'VE KNOCKED IT DOWN NOW.

OH DEAR... HAVE I MISSED ONE? IS THERE ANOTHER ONE DUE? THERE'S USUALLY ONE AT HALF PAST. I THINK IT COMES AT ABOUT QUARTER TO.



I'VE COME FOR ME PENSION.

THANKS LOVE

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MIND YOU, IT'S HARDLY ENOUGH IS IT? I MEAN, THE PRICES THESE DAYS. TOILET ROLLS - 3½ PENCE FOR TWO. THAT'S ALMOST A POUND EACH IN THE OLD MONEY.

HERE YOU ARE: - THIRTY-TWO POUNDS.



THIRTY-TWO POUND. IT'S RIDICULOUS. YOU COULD BUY A HOUSE WITH THIRTY-TWO POUND WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE. MIND YOU, THIS HAS GOT TO LAST ME TILL CHRISTMAS... NEXT YEAR.

CAN I HELP YOU ACROSS THE ROAD LOVE?



TAKE THAT!!



TYPICAL. THERE'S NEVER A POLICEMAN AROUND WHEN YOU NEED ONE. NOT LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS...



THEY USED TO BE TEN FEET TALL, THE OLD BOBBIES. AND THEY WEREN'T AFRAID TO GIVE YOU A GOOD CLIP ROUND THE EAR!

I'VE COME ABOUT ME ELECTRIC



ME ELECTRIC... HERE... I'VE COME TO PAY ME ELECTRIC!



HERE SON... IT'S ALL THERE. EIGHTY-NINE POUND.



TIME TO GO HOME FOR A NICE CUPPA



AT THE BUS STOP...



EEH! I'VE GOT ALL THESE BAGS TO CARRY, AND NO-ONE OFFERS TO LEND ME A HAND...

NOT LIKE THE OLD DAYS. YOU COULD GET A POUND OF SUET PUDDING FOR TUPPENCE HA'PENNY...

MORE AGED PERSON LAUGHS NEXT WEEK WHEN MRS. BRADY PLAYS BINGO AND THEN DOES SOME MORE SHOPPING...



SMASHING IDEA TO BEAT THE BURGLARS

Any burglars hoping to ransack our house during our recent holiday abroad would have been in for a surprise. To foil any would-be thieves my husband smashed everything of value to pieces with a sledge hammer before we left.

Mrs Ena Brown
Wolverhampton

Realising I had no cigarettes I decided to borrow my husband's car to nip and get some.

It wasn't until I had reversed the car into our neighbour's sitting room that I remembered — I can't drive!

Mrs. B. McMahon
Dundee

Coming out of work the other day I decided to walk home behind the bus, saving fifty-five pence.

However the next night I walked home behind a taxi, making a much larger saving of £4.75

N. Holland
Fareham

Dead wife telly bonus

It's going to be another one of those days, I thought to myself running my wife over on the driveway outside our home. But imagine my surprise when, after looking through our old insurance policies, I realised I would not only be able to buy a new car with the insurance payment for my wife's death, but there would also be enough left over to buy a new telly.

T. Cleaver
Ashington

I could scream when supermarkets change the location of goods. The other day I went in to buy 5 pounds of potatoes. Imagine my surprise when I arrived home to find that I was carrying a dozen 36 pack cartons of economy toilet tissue.

Needless to say, my husband got the shock of his life when I served them up with his bangers!

Mrs I Oddie
Highgate

Mrs Thatcher tells us that capital punishment should be returned.

It's all well and good punishing people in London, but what about the provinces? Cities like Manchester, Leeds and Newcastle? Surely the re-introduction of capital punishment would only serve to widen the 'North-South divide'.

F. Grunblatt
Sunderland

When my friend heard on the radio that tickets for her favourite pop group's concert were on sale, she rushed out to buy some.

It wasn't until she boarded the bus that she realised she was wearing no clothes, and instead of her handbag she had picked up the goldfish bowl on the way out of the house.

Do I get five pounds?

C. Winram
Aberdeen

Letterbox is Britain's number one reader's letters page. It's your chance to have your say, air your views and put pen to paper. Let off steam, say your piece and put the record straight by writing to us at 'Letterbox', Viz Comic, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SP. There's usually some sort of prize for every letter we print.

These ads are a con

"I must buy some budgie seed", I said whilst out shopping. "Ooh!" said my three-year-old grandson. "If you plant them, will budgies grow?"

What a pratt. Do other readers have to put up with similar arse-hole comments from children?

M. Majaffa
Titchfield Common

While travelling to work on the bus the other day I overheard two old dears discussing their husbands.

"Do you mind?" said one of them. "This happens to be a private conversation".

Mrs E. Eales
Liverpool

As an old age pensioner it's more than I can stand.

Mrs Elaine Heartache
Kent

I am sick of people knocking British Rail. I was travelling on the London train the other day when the guard suddenly announced "Next stop Crewe".

How he'd known I was getting off there I'll never know, as I had bought my ticket several weeks previously. But well done British Rail. Keep it up.

D.N. Finney
Gwynedd

EastEnders telly tributes

As a smooth-talking romeo divorcee pub landlord with extreme financial worries, I find that I can readily identify with the character 'Dirty Den' from the TV's EastEnders.

R. Holmes
Bolton

Hats off to Bill Treacher for his marvellous portrayal of much-troubled Arthur Fowler in TV's EastEnders. Although I have never had a nervous breakdown myself, I have done the odd spot of gardening, and find that I can readily identify with this truly life-like character.

E. Sutton
Bishopton

Budgie remark

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Heito Abibi
Chinguetti Tribe
Western Africa

Can you identify with an EastEnders character? Perhaps you're a teenage prostitute like Mary, a barman like Lofty or maybe you have a hat similar to that worn by Pete Beal. Write to "EastEnders similarities" at the Letterbox address.

It's a dog's life

One day on returning from a visit to the shops I found a small dog sitting on my doorstep. Feeling sorry for it I took it to the police station and handed it in.

It wasn't until I arrived home that I realised it was my own. Imagine how foolish I felt when I returned to the Police Station to claim it.

Mrs. P. Botham
Southend

Do any other readers remember that recent chart hit 'Snooker Loopy Nuts are we'? Well, that's certainly true of our family.

Best of all is our Dad who really is "snooker loopy". So much so that he was recently admitted to the local St. Nicholas' Mental Hospital.

Matthew Szabo
Derby

My grandfather, who is 89, never intended to sail on the Titanic.

Ironically, if he had done, he would probably have drowned.

Teddy Hanson
Widnes

TOP TIPS

Mum! When clearing up after children's parties, always burst balloons before throwing them away. This way you use far fewer dustbin liners.

Mrs M. Smith
Titchfield Common

To avoid getting fluff in your turn-ups, turn them down. That way the fluff invariably gathers elsewhere.

Z. Monkhouse
Gosforth

Rather than spending a fortune on new gramophone records, try playing your old ones at different speeds. Invariably a new song emerges, with the singers voice changing somewhat in pitch.

B. West
Blackheath

I filled the rectangular hole at the front of our house with a wooden door. As well as preventing heat loss, I find it is also a deterrent to would-be burglars.

A. Tenancy
Sheffield

I find that by embalming household pets after they have died and sealing them in plastic they make ideal draft excluders. And it's nice to know that your much loved pets are still with you around the house.

Mrs L Epton
Birkenhead

My local pub was undergoing extensive redecoration recently when I popped in for a quick pint. After a while I decided to visit the 'gents'. On the door I found a sign which read "WET PAINT", so I did, although normally I would have used a latrine. Imagine my surprise when a furious landlord appeared and promptly ejected me from the building, knocking three of my teeth out, in the process.

R. Clark
Sunderland

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By Ted Shite and Joe Cobblers

His Royal Highness The Prince Of Wales is today faced with the toughest decision of his Royal career. For he must choose between his wife Princess Diana and the new love of his life, outrageous TV presenter Paula Yates.



JOAN COLLINS - SEXY

Sources close to the Prince have confirmed that his six year marriage to pretty blonde Princess Di is on the rocks. Close friends have spoken of the growing RIFT between the Royals, and insiders are predicting that the Prince is about to QUIT his Royal estate and move in with leggy blonde Paula whose rocky marriage to Live Aid hero Bob Geldof is said to be on the verge of collapse.

KITTEN

Prince Charles, a keen fan of pop music, is thought to have fallen for saucy Paula, 26, after seeing her on 'The Tube' TV show. And he is believed to be looking for a flat in the London area — a love nest for Paula and her Prince.



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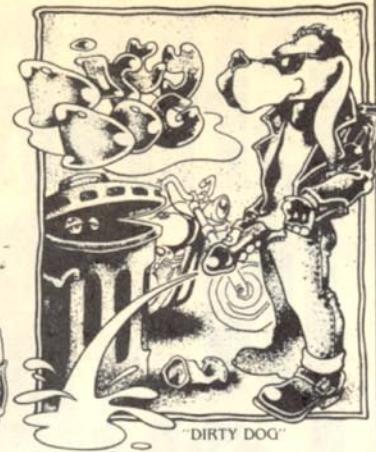
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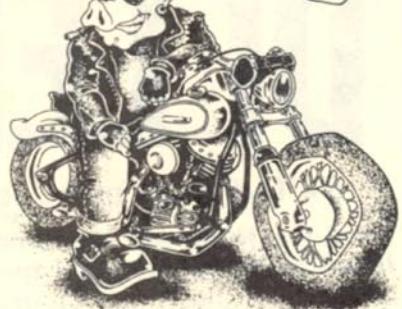
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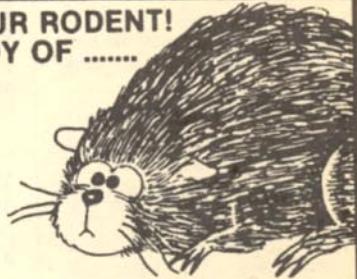
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NIGEL SMITH

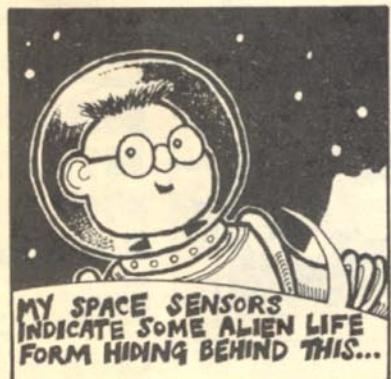
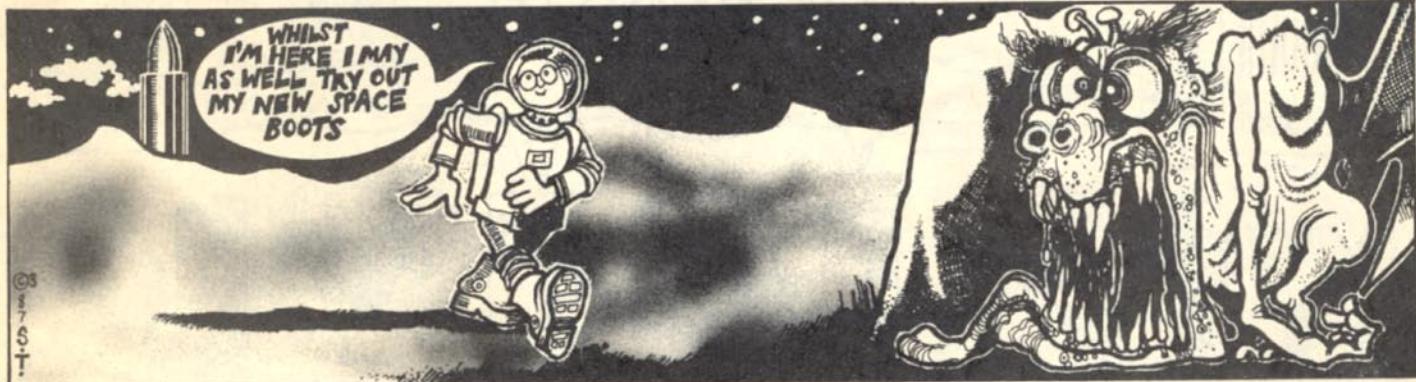
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BILLY THE FISH!

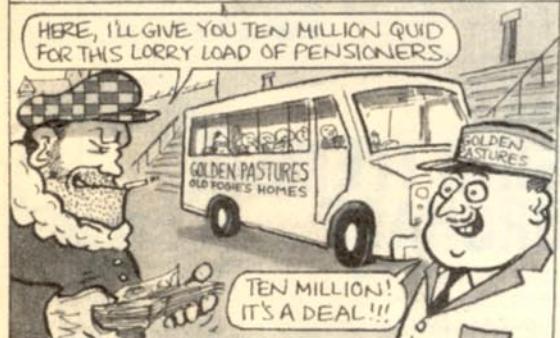
DESPITE BEING BORN HALF MAN, HALF FISH, YOUNG GOALKEEPER BILLY THOMSON WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE IT TO THE TOP...

THE ARRIVAL OF BILLY THOMSON AND HIS FORMER FULCHESTER TEAM MATES WAS WORKING WONDERS FOR FOURTH DIVISION STRUGGLERS PEDDLEWORTH ALBION WHO HAD JUST WON THEIR FIRST GAME IN 8 YEARS. BUT THE NEXT DAY, BILLY IS CALLED IN TO SEE BOSS TOMMY BROWN



SO IT DOES. SORRY BILLY. MY MISTAKE.

MEANWHILE, AT BILLY'S FORMER CLUB FULCHESTER UNITED, EVIL GUS PARKER'S WORK IS ALMOST COMPLETE...



TEN MILLION!
IT'S A DEAL!!!

HA HA HA! AFTER ONLY A WEEK IN CHARGE OF FULCHESTER THEY'RE BOTTOM OF DIVISION ONE! I'VE SOLD OFF ALL THEIR PLAYERS, AND REPLACED THEM WITH PENSIONERS. NOT SURPRISINGLY, ATTENDANCES ARE DOWN FROM 40,000 INTO SINGLE FIGURES!



AND WITH THEM OUT OF THE WAY FOR GOOD, I WILL RETURN TO GRIMTHORPE CITY AND WIN THE LEAGUE!



WITHIN A MONTH FULCHESTER WILL GO BUST!

THE NEXT DAY PEDDLEWORTH ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR MIDWEEK VISIT TO HIGH FLYING REDHURST ROVERS...



GOOD WORK SID. WE SIMPLY MUST GET A RESULT AT REDHURST TOMORROW NIGHT IN ORDER TO EASE OUR RELEGATION WORRIES.

A WEEK IS A LONG TIME IN FOOTBALL. THREE POINTS TOMORROW, FOLLOWED BY A RESULT ON SATURDAY, WOULD PUT US IN WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF PROMOTION!



THINGS LOOKED GRIM UNTIL REDSKIN WINGER BROWN FOX STEPPED IN...



OF COURSE! WITH HER NATURAL HUNTING AND TRACKING INSTINCTS BROWN FOX WILL BE ABLE TO LEAD US TO REDHURST.



SURE ENOUGH, THE REMARKABLE REDSKIN WINGER LEAD HER TEAMMATES TO REDHURST ROAD...



AS THE GAME GOT UNDERWAY IT NEEDED ALL OF BILLY'S FISH-LIKE BRILLIANCE TO KEEP THE HIGH FLYING REDHURST FORWARDS AT BAY



YES! IT MUST BE 1-0 TO ROVERS!

ABSOLUTELY! IT LOOKS A GOAL ALL THE WAY!

THE BOY THOMSON WAS EQUAL TO IT!! WHAT A SAVE!

BUT, WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE TO GO, REDHURST'S NO.9 FINDS HIMSELF WITH ONLY THE KEEPER TO BEAT.



CRUMBS! I'VE BEEN BEATEN ON THE EDGE OF MY 18 YARD AREA. IF HE SCORES, IT'S ALL OVER!

THERE WERE SOME ANXIOUS FACES ON THE PEDDLEWORTH BENCH...

OH NO! BILLY'S LEFT HIM WITH AN OPEN GOAL!



CAN BROWN FOX GET BACK IN TIME TO ROB REDHURST OF VICTORY? OR IS IT ALL OVER FOR BILLY'S TEAM? DON'T MISS ISSUE 25

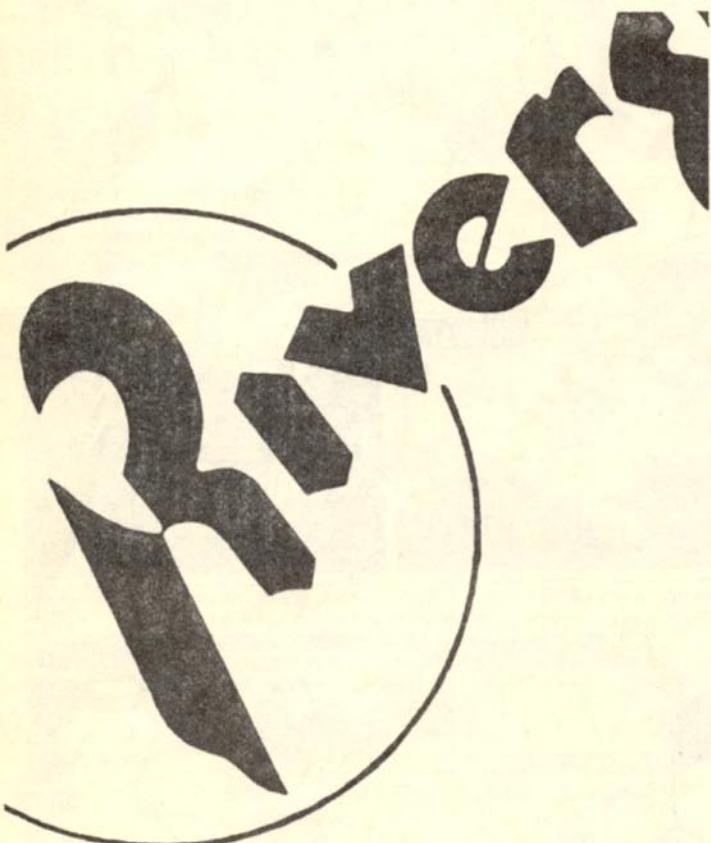
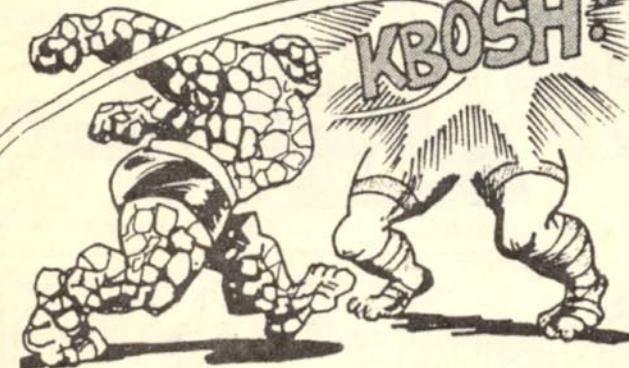
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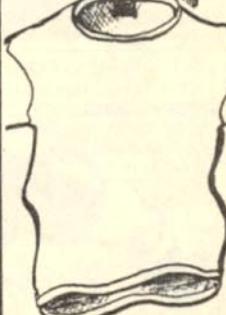
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20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT CAR PARKING



In Britain today there are over 15 million people who drive cars. And, like it or not, they all have to park them somewhere.

Yes, car parking is now a part of our everyday lives. Some of us do it all the time, some of us do it less often. Everyday thousands of people park their cars. But how much do you really know about car parking?

For instance, did you know...

1 There is room to park over 200 cars on a football pitch. However, if everyone attending the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley Stadium arrived by car it would need an incredible 500 football pitches for them to park their cars.

2 The largest car park in the world is probably in America.

3 If every driver in America decided to park at the same time, there wouldn't be enough room.

4 Nowdays parking meters accept 10p and 20p coins. In days gone by they accepted only pre-decimal currency. If every parking meter in Britain was placed on top of each other, it would be impossible to reach the ones near the top.

5 Unlike parking meters, traffic wardens can move from one street to another, putting 'tickets' on illegally parked cars.

6 There are now car parks in every town in Britain, enabling drivers to travel anywhere in the UK and park their car when they get there.

7 The first car park was opened in Munich, Germany in 1864. However it remained empty for 21 years until the car was invented in 1885.

8 Modern car parks are now computerised. Electronic signs now flash messages like "SPACES" or "NO SPACES" to indicate to passing motorists whether or not any spaces are available. And modern car park ticket machines can even tell you the time.

9 Visitors to the Haymarket public house in Newcastle, England, will have no problem finding a parking space. Many customers complained about lack of parking facilities, so the owners decided to demolish the building and replace it with an up-to-date car park.

10 Dine at a high class restaurant and the doorman will often park your car for you. Another way to avoid parking problems when eating out is to go by taxi. Pay the driver and he will simply drive away after you have got out.

11 In medieval times castles were built without car parks. People travelled on horses, which they parked in fields or tied up on nearby trees.

12 The most expensive parking space in the world is on board the United States Space Shuttle. It would probably cost about two billion dollars to park your car in the Shuttle's cargo hold during one of its space missions.

13 In Britain up to three parked cars are stolen by unscrupulous 'car thieves' every minute. Enough cars to fill 22 football pitches every day. Hardly surprising when you consider the average parked car is worth over £3,000.

14 The most unsuccessful parking attempt ever was made by a J. Edgarson of Illinois, U.S.A., who spent three weeks and two days trying to find a parking space in his home town of Bloomington in November 1958. During that time he spent over 200 dollars on petrol.



15 Jersey TV detective Jim Bergerac rarely has problems parking his car during the popular BBC TV series. However, in real life actor John Nettles often has difficulty parking in London.

16 In Britain a yellow line along the side of the road means "no parking". A double yellow line means "definitely no parking".

17 Modern 'multi-storey' car parks enable cars to park

on top of each other, saving time and money. Many city centre car parks are built with up to 500 parking spaces — enough room for over forty-one dozen cars.

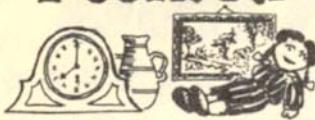
18 In America many car parks are fitted with giant cinema screens enabling drivers to watch a film while they park their car. And generous drivers can give their cars a well earned holiday. Special 'motels' have been built — hotels for cars!

19 City centre car parking can be an expensive business, so special 'short stay' car parks exist for drivers who can only afford to park for a few moments. Meanwhile, wealthy motorists can leave their cars in 'long stay' car parks for anything up to 2 years!

20 Recent advances in car rust-proofing have enabled scientists to look to the sea bed for an answer to the car parking problems of tomorrow. They estimate that there is room for an incredible 1,880, 973,400,000 parking spaces on the bed of the Pacific Ocean alone. The first underwater car parks could be open to the public by the year 2000.



Antiques Postbox



When most people think of antiques they think of priceless paintings and ornate furniture found only in stately homes or at the local museum. But many of the most interesting and often valuable antiques can usually be found in the most unexpected places.

CURIOS

Perhaps tucked away in the attic or in an old cardboard box underneath the coffee table. Without knowing it, many of us will have fascinating curios and extremely valuable objects lying around the house just waiting to be rediscovered.

PRICELESS

But what do you do if you think you may have found an old master in the wardrobe or a priceless vase tucked away in a corner of your kitchen. How do you find out what it is and how much it is worth?

Our ANTIQUES POSTBOX aims to answer those questions by providing a panel of experts eager to examine any promising artifacts or objects which you think you may have uncovered. Whether it's gold or silver, china or glass, a painting, a set of crockery or a jewel encrusted grandfather clock, our experts will give it the once over and tell you exactly what it's worth.

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This fancy silver thing is worth a couple of grand

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Scandal of the EEC car mountains

Hundreds of thousands of brand new motor cars are being stored in gigantic EEC car mountains, we can reveal exclusively.

And many British made cars are being sold to foreigners despite the fact that MILLIONS of people in Britain do not have a car.

SCANDAL

"It's a scandal", said unemployed Tom Birchall of Middlesbrough, who does not have a car.

And while millions of people like Tom do without, boat loads of cars are shipped to America, Australia and other countries. While around Britain, huge quantities of cars are stored in showrooms, warehouses and vast car parks.



A car

Fulchster MP Mr Derek Twatt told us that the situation was disgraceful. "It's about time the Government put these cars to some sort of use, helping the unemployed and the many thousands of people who have to walk to work".

MOCKERY

When we asked to speak to the Minister in charge of EEC car mountains we were told that there wasn't one as such.

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MY NAME IS BARBIE. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

'OLD MEANIE' ALWAYS WALKS HOME THIS WAY, BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN TO SORT HIM OUT!

PHEW! THIS HUMIDITY IS SOMEWHAT OPPRESSIVE!

TEE HEE!

TRIXIE'S MIXER

OOYAH! SOME TERRIBLE ACCIDENT HAS RESULTED IN MY LEG BEING COMPLETELY SEVERED!

BY AFFIXING THIS BROKEN IRON RAILING TO YOUR UNDERSIDE, I

CAN CONVERT YOU INTO A SPLENDID MEANS OF TEACHING HIM A LESSON!

WHAT IS YOUR NAME? I HOPE YOU LOVE ME TOO!

HO HO! HERE HE COMES NOW!

HOORAY FOR TOMMY AND HIS EXTRAORDINARY MECHANICAL COMPANION!

HMM, THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR MY MIXER!

AND...

WHIRRARRR

BUT...

DUE TO MY REPRESSSED SEXUAL NEUROSES, I SHALL SET YOU ALL EXTRA HOMEWORK TONIGHT!

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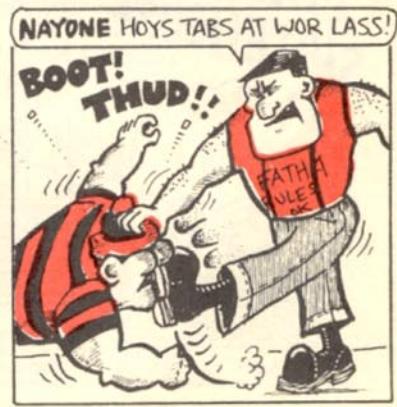
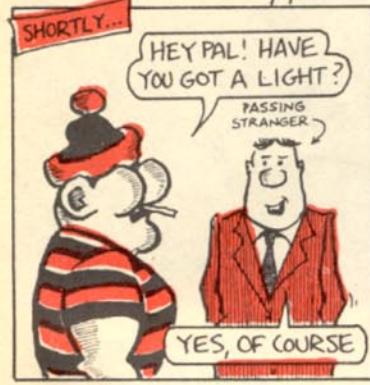
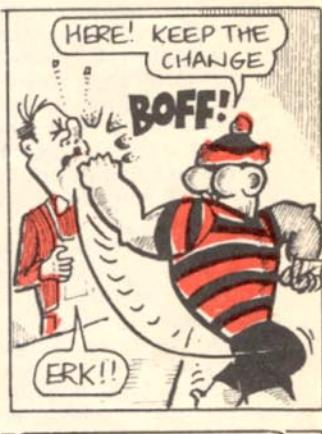
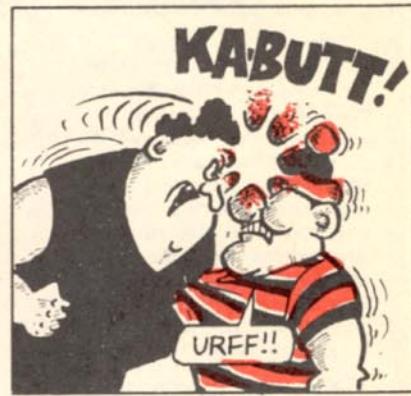
BAH! WE'RE NOT LETTING HIM GET AWAY WITH THAT, EH TINRIBS?

MY NAME IS BARBIE. I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

HO HO! I WONDER WHAT MIXING ADVENTURES I'LL FIND NEXT!

MORE KENWOOD CAPERS NEXT WEEK!

BIFFA BACON



Spot the Monster



We've been swamped by literally almost a dozen entries for our Loch Ness Monster photograph competition! It seems that nearly all our readers have spent the last two months perched on the banks of the loch hoping for a glimpse of the monster. And the results so far are terrific, with even the top experts like David Attenborough completely baffled by your incredible snaps.

"These amazing photographs cast a new light on the mystery of the Loch Ness Monster", said David yesterday. Fellow TV biology expert Dr Jonathan Miller couldn't believe his eyes. "This is certainly a historic day for underwater biology", he told us. "The history books will have to be re-written".

Shown here are some of the most vivid and convincing pictures ever taken of the Loch Ness Monster. If you can do better, send your photos to: Viz Comic Loch Ness Monster Competition, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2SP. Every picture we use will win a prize, and the overall winner — the picture which in our view proves beyond all doubt that 'Nessie' exists — will win first prize: a Helix Camera Pencil Box. (Please print your name and address clearly on the back of each photograph. Send either colour or black and white).



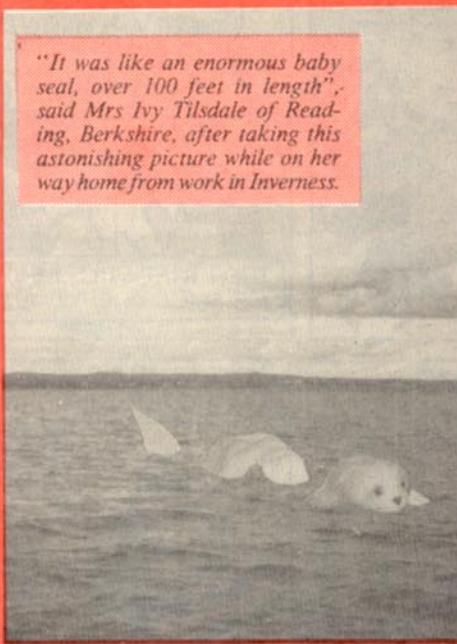
While picnicing with his family on the shores of the loch, B. Warren, of Grays in Essex, caught sight of something moving in the water. "At first I thought it was a wave or floating debris, but as it came closer I realised it was alive. Luckily I had my camera nearby". This stunning picture was the result.



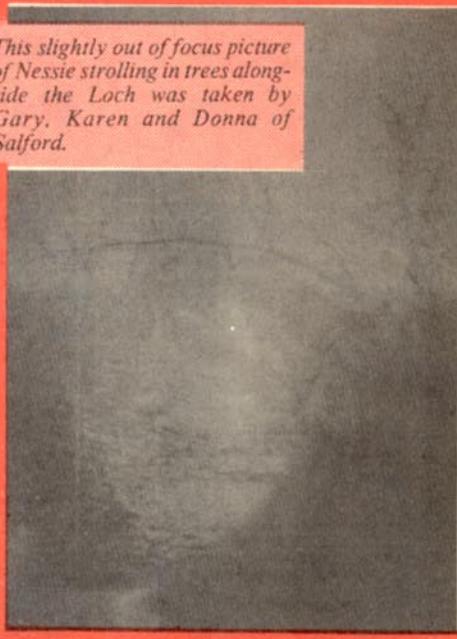
Fisherman Jock McBraw was lucky to escape uninjured when Nessie emerged from the Loch only feet away from his boat. Quick thinking Jock, of Fort Augustus, Inverness, managed to grab this polaroid just before the monster disappeared.

Although the object in this picture, taken by Harry Taylor of St. Albans, looks rather like a boat, there are some nice cows in the foreground.

"It was like an enormous baby seal, over 100 feet in length", said Mrs Ivy Tilsdale of Reading, Berkshire, after taking this astonishing picture while on her way home from work in Inverness.



This slightly out of focus picture of Nessie strolling in trees alongside the Loch was taken by Gary, Karen and Donna of Salford.



MARY SHITEHOUSE



Ner ner, ner ner, ner ner

By TONY HUSBAND



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Railways

As you probably know, railways as we know them today are a thing of the past. The first railway was the Liverpool to Manchester canal, running all the way from Stockton to Darlington in Scotland, and back again. This was a special kind of underwater railway built by the 'railway pioneers' (sort of Irish cowboys), and the waterproof "tube" trains which they used featured in the Rev. W. Audrey's *Ivor The Engine* books.

The first steam train was invented almost by accident in 1066 when Charles Darwin, brother of Robert Louis Stephenson, welded several kettles together while burning his cakes in Scotland, earning him the nickname 'The Flying Scotsman'. However it is the Wright brothers who are regarded by most as the fathers of modern railways because of their many 'railway children'. One of them, Casey Jones, died at the wheel of his express train after it struck an iceberg during its maiden voyage to Japan. Many people lost their lives in the accident as discovered by Miss Marples in the film 'Murder On The Orient Express'. It was railway disasters such as this which prompted the famous railway engineer Isambard Kipling Burnett to build several bridges over which trains could travel, the fourth of which is in Scotland.

Nowadays accidents are rare and all train drivers are accompanied by firemen in case of emergency. Sir Arthur Baden-Powell, a notorious 'Great Train Robber' of the nineteenth century, vastly improved railway safety when he invented the semaphore signal, a sort of railway traffic light kept in a cupboard or "signal box".

Faster trains like Henry Ford's 'Rocket' enabled Britain's railway network to grow rapidly, linking the many stations from which people had previously had to walk. Indeed, early stations were primitive affairs, one of which, Kings Cross in London, was named after the then monarch had become annoyed at the lack of facilities available. Other stations also took their names from famous events, such as Waterloo, Cliff Richard's winning entry in the 1973 Eurovision Song Contest, and Liverpool Street, home of Paddington Bear.

Many great advances have been made in railway technology over the years. Most trains now offer dinning facilities, hence the expression 'fast food', and British Rail's new Advanced Passenger Train is designed to tilt to one side, making it easier for old people to get on and off at stations. In the future, special long wires will enable electric trains to travel from London all the way to Edinburgh without the plug coming out.

Further information is available to 'railway enthusiasts' (people who prefer trains to buses) from British Rail's new-look 'radio stations', including Picadilly in Manchester, and also from any travel agent or 'ticket inspector' as they are also known.

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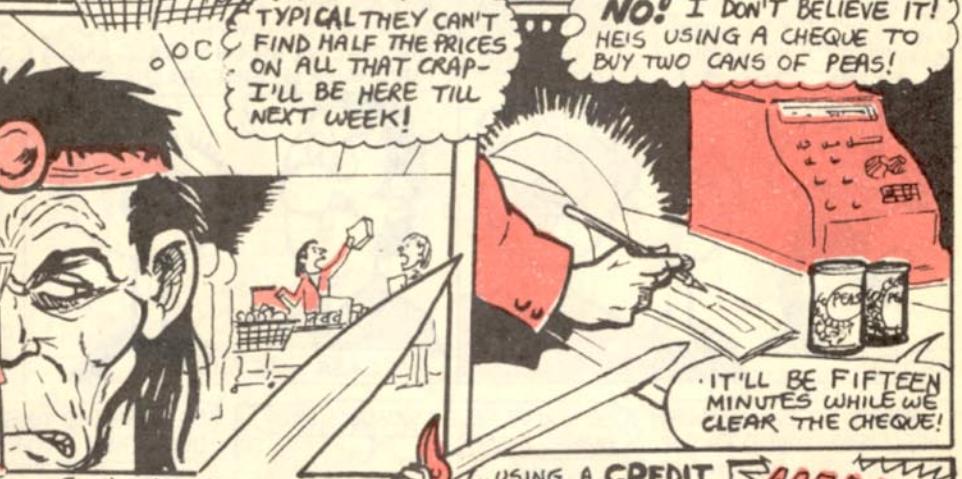
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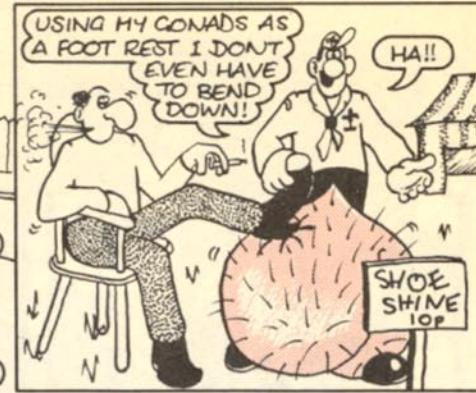
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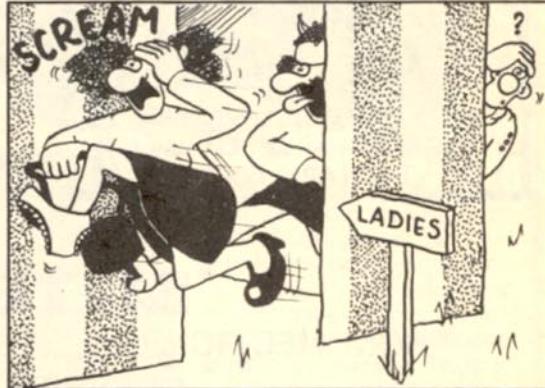
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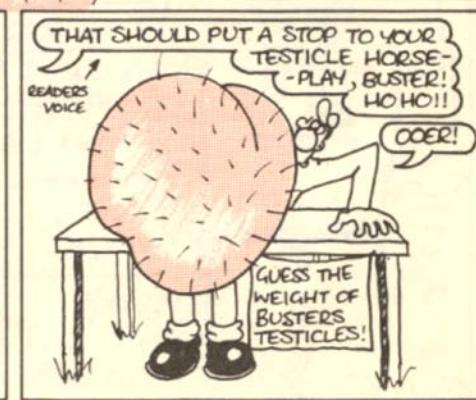
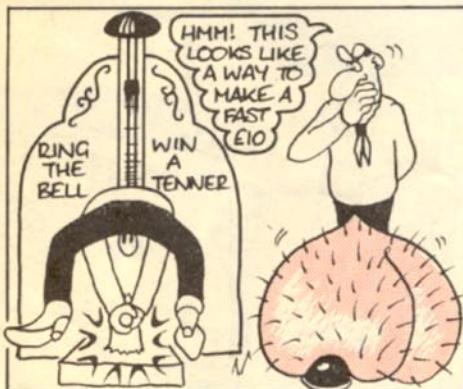


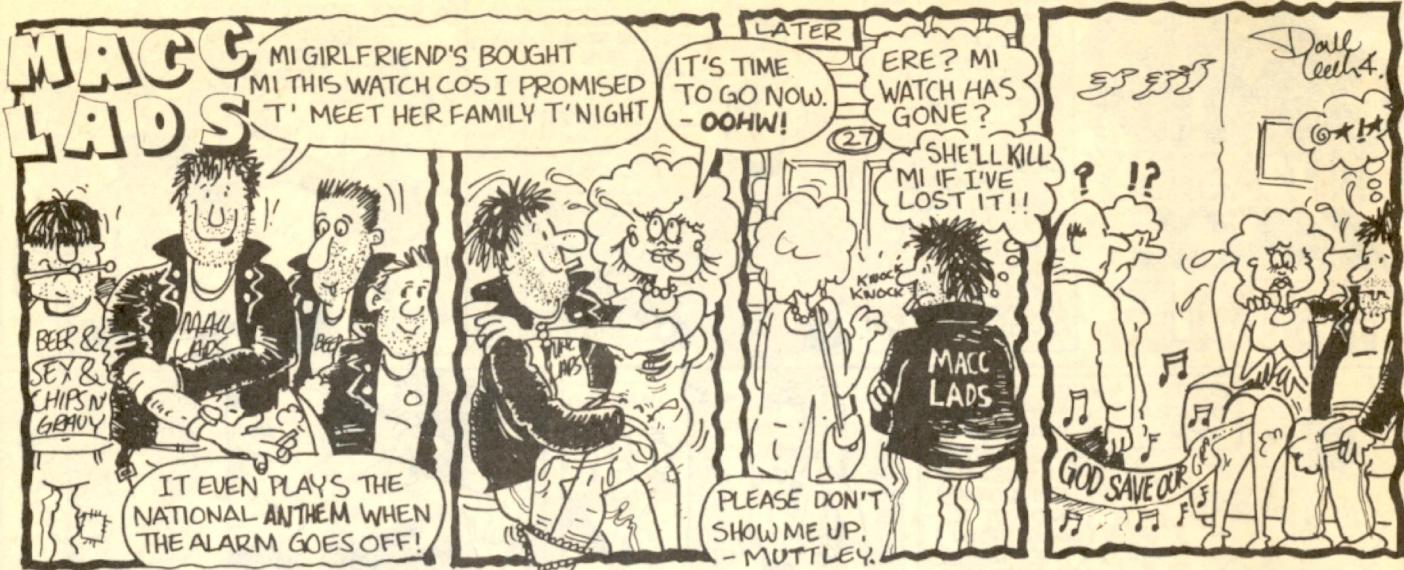
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EASTENDERS EXCLUSIVE



- Blasts angry husband

Furious toilet cleaner Terry Hutchinson today threw down the gauntlet to Leslie Grantham, star of EastEnders, in the latest episode of a bizarre love battle.

"Come anywhere near my wife and I'll kick 'your head in'". That was the warning from Terry, 49, who fears that his wife Glenda may have fallen for the charms of the actor who plays smooth-talking 'Dirty' Dennis Watts in the TV series.

BASTARD

"I could handle that bastard anytime", blasted Terry, a former boxer who weighs in at 18 stone. "He just has to come round here — any time he likes — and we can sort it out, man to man, in the back yard".

It was while drinking heavily at a local pub that Terry first began to suspect something was going on between his 42 year old wife and the well known TV celebrity. But when he arrived home later that evening to confront his wife, she denied ever having met Grantham.

**Soap star's
rocket slam
wife sex love
battle fury
storm rages**

However, a few days later, during an all day drinking session with friends, Terry's suspicions were again aroused and he immediately returned to his home in Bogwater Lane, Burnley, hoping to catch the couple red handed. But he burst into the bedroom only to find his wife was at work, and there was no sign of Grantham in the house.

After watching an episode of EastEnders that evening Terry went drinking with his brother-in-law, before visiting the BBC's studios in West London to confront Grantham face to face. However he was stopped by security guards at the gate, and later arrested for being drunk and disorderly.

"If he comes anywhere near me I'll have 'im', stormed Terry yesterday. "Fancies his chances does he? I'll take the bastard now!" he added.

POLICE

Grantham, who is set to leave EastEnders, was yesterday 'unaware' of Hutchinson's claims. Meanwhile Mr Hutchinson was remanded in police custody awaiting psychiatric reports.

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Scandal of the EEC garden accessory mountain

by Bill Berk

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And while thousands of households around Britain are left to do without, TONS of garden furniture is SOLD OFF at discount prices throughout Garden Centre's and D.I.Y. megastores.

PATIO DOORS

And we can reveal that many other items, including MILLIONS of miles of carpet are also being stored in vast warehouses and later sold off at low, low prices.

For instance, Galaxy deep shadow pile £8.75 a square yard. Fleetwood foam back shag pile — only £4.50 a square yard. And for the kitchen, Hoover 3348 auto washer — was £289.99 — now only £249.99.

GREENHOUSE

"It's absolute disgrace that the EEC can allow this to happen", said Fulchster MP Derek Twatt. "It's absolute mockery. The Government ought to do something about it".

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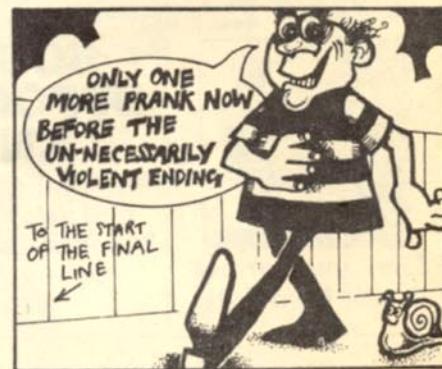
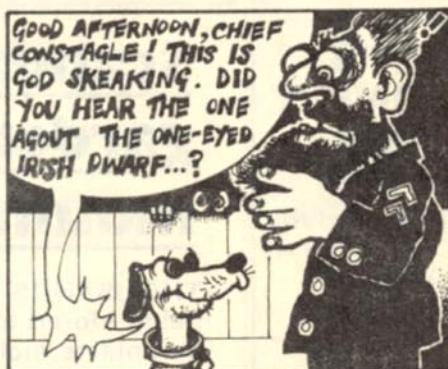
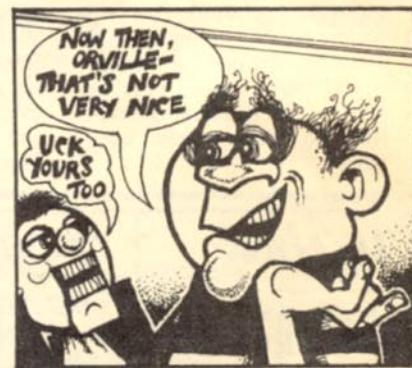
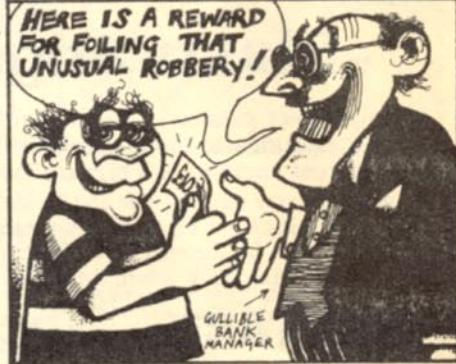
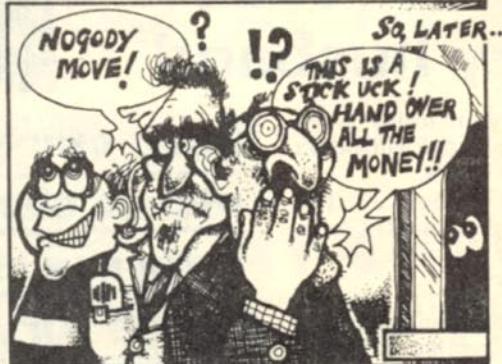
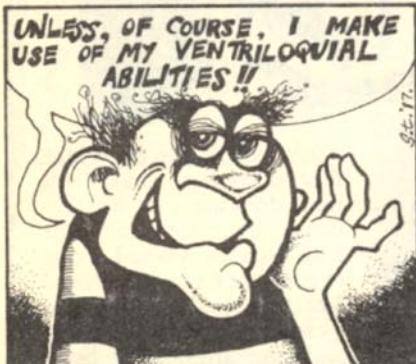
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THE 1987 BRITISH FRUIT SHOP HUMOUR AWARDS

A celebration of
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Humour

with a picture of

Leslie Crowther

Whether it's "Can I feel your melons please?" or "I'm sorry but my plums are slightly bruised", there's no denying that Fruit Shop Humour has become part of the British way of life. Yes, just say "I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts!" to any high street greengrocer and he's sure to reply, "Have a banana!"

As long as there has been fruit shops there has been Fruit Shop Humour. Take the pear for instance, a fleshy fruit looking rather like a mis-shapen apple, and sometimes called 'conference'. "I'd like to get my hands around your ample pear!" A most amusing phrase if delivered by a man over a fruit shop counter to a large-breasted assistant, for it is a peculiarity of the English language that the word 'pear' has two meanings. When spelt 'pair' it refers to a 'set of two', so in a fruit shop situation our imagination leads us automatically to the assistant's bosom.

MELON

Pears are not the only fruits to have provided us with mammary laughs over the years. How many of us can honestly say we haven't had a chuckle to ourselves when purchasing a melon?

MONKHOUSE

Ask any foreigner what they most associate with Britain and they'll probably say "bananajokes". Indeed many of today's top comedians have the banana to thank for their success. Top names like Bob Monkhouse, Bruce Forsyth and Les Dawson all served their apprenticeships telling banana jokes in the music halls of yesteryear. Indeed there are so many banana jokes that it would be unfair to choose one as an example.



Plums and coconuts are of course the source of endless British belly laughs, resembling as they do the gonads. Ask any greengrocer if you can have a look at his plums and he's bound to see the funny side.

ORGANS

Of course a lot of a fruit shop contents bear no resemblance to the reproductive organs at all. But items such as vegetables are never-the-less often the source of Fruit Shop Humour. For example the leek, a vegetable often associated with Wales, appears in this remarkable joke combining both Toilet and Fruit Shop Humour. "I need a leek", says the customer to the greengrocer. "Don't worry, there's a public toilet on the corner", is his reply.

JOKE

We have organised the British Fruit Shop Humour Awards of 1987 as a celebration of many years of Fruit Shop Humour. And we want you to nominate your favourite fruit shop joke. Simply write your joke on a postcard together with your own name and address and send it to: The British Fruit Shop Humour Awards of 1987, c/o Bob Monkhouse, BBC Television, London.

The Viz VEGETABLE TOP 10		
1	PEAS Pisum	27 (8)
2	BROAD BEANS Broadicus Beanicus	16 (1)
3	CARROTS Pastinaca	14 (3)
4	MUSHROOMS Fungus boletus agaricum	12 (-)
5	BROCCOLI Brassica	8 (8)
6	POTATOES Spudicum Tatae	7 (9)
7	FRENCH BEAN Phaseolus Français	4 (2)
8	PARSNIPS Pastinaca	3 (7)
9	SWEETCORN Yummium Cornicus	2
10	CABBAGE Brassicas Cabbum	1 (6)

(The figure in brackets is a number thought up entirely off the top of our heads in order to make it look a bit more like a proper chart.)

We've received HUNDREDS of letters from vegetable fans around the country congratulating us on our wonderful new Vegetable Top Ten. "It's a terrific boost for vegetables", one told us just this morning.

Since we announced the chart in our last issue, votes for your favourite vegetables have been flooding in. In fact, we've had so many vegetable votes, we've decided to continue with a regular vegetable count down in every issue!

Of course it was PEAS who romped home winners in this issue's chart, with an incredible 27 points. BROAD BEANS surprised a few people, pipping CARROTS for second place, while MUSHROOMS, strictly speaking a fungus, are a popular nibble at number four. Both POTATOES and CABBAGE would have been disappointed with their lack lustre performances.

Why don't you send us your vegetable votes. Just list your top three vegetables, in order of merit, on the back of a postcard and send it to: Vegetable Top Ten, Viz Comic, 16 Lily Crescent, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2SP. Remember to include your own name and address, as we'll send prizes to the senders of six cards chosen at random. This issue's prize winners are Jack Bishop of Wolverhampton, Andrew Henrickson of Hartlepool, Ray Frensham of Essex, Andy Collier of Manchester and two other people.





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"It's a great shame the Top Ten being scrapped. I am personally going to send £500, and would suggest others do likewise", said Billy Bragg when he spoke to him yesterday, although it was a very bad line so we couldn't be absolutely sure.

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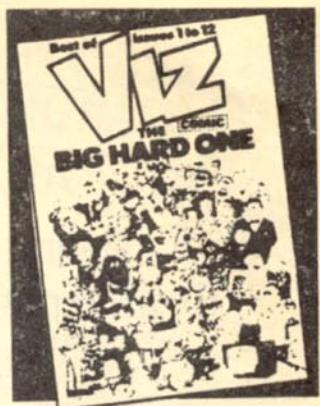
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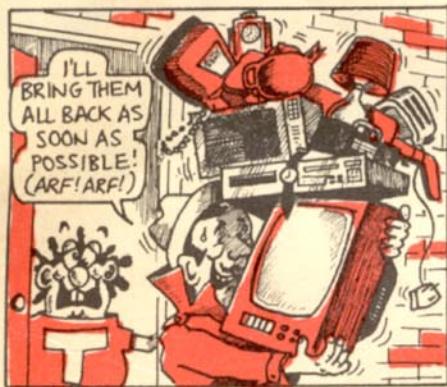
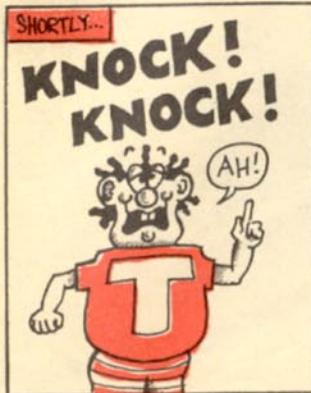
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